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(54) **SHOESTRING-COVERING STRUCTURE**

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(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a sports shoe capable of being used without incongruity even in business 5 by covering up a shoestring and its related part only in a minimum range while maintaining and assisting an original function of the shoestring.

SOLUTION: In this structure, an instep part 12 of the shoe 10 has a string- fastening open part 14 and open edge parts 18 formed with string through-holes 16 in line and disposed on the right and left sides of the open part 14. The shoestring 20 is fastened through the string through-holes 16 in a range of the open part 14, and a tongue part piece 22 closing up the open part 14 from the rear side is provided below the fastened shoestring 20. First and second instep covers 26, 28 for covering up a part inside an outside peripheral part 24 of the open edge part 18, i.e., the shoestring 20 and the related part including the open part 14, are formed along the outside peripheral part 24, on the respective sides in a traverse direction of the shoe 10.

